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APRIL 18-24, 1975.

REF: A) MEXICO 3566; B) MEXICO 3434

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1. ERADICATION AND INTERDICTION SUMMARY:

A. ALL ERADICATION PERSONNEL ARE BEING CONCENTRATED AT THE ADVANCE BASES AT SAN JOSE DEL LLANO AND CHOIX, SINALOA, AND AT TOPIA, DURANGO. SINALOA AND DURANGO HAVE BEEN DECLARED TERMINATED AND CHIHUAHUA IS EXPECTED TO BE FINISHED BY APRIL 26, 1975.

B. INTERDICTION OF 15 KILOS OF HEROIN AT TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, LED TO THE ARREST OF SEVERAL SINALOA RESIDENTS AND THE SEIZURE OF SEVERAL AIR TAXIS AT CULIACAN, LOS MOCHIS, AND CHIHUAHUA. COMPLETE DETAILS ARE OUTLINED IN THE INTERDICTION SECTION OF THE WPR.

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C. A RAPID DE-ESCALATION IS TAKING PLACE THROUGHOUT THE FOUR-STATE AREA WITH MANY TRANSFERS AND RETURN-HOME ORDERS BEING ISSUED DAILY TO MFJP AGENTS, PILOTS, MECHANICS, ETC.

D. THE FULL COMPLEMENT OF SPARE HELICOPTER PARTS AND U.S. SUPPLIED ARMS STILL HAS NOT ARRIVED IN CULIACAN AND NO EXPLANATIONS HAVE BEEN OFFERED.

2. STATISTICS

A. ERADICATION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

OPIUM POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	68
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	182,455
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	4,576,755
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	45

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	28
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	69,920
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	1,593,010
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	17

MIXED PLANTATIONS (MARIHUANA AND POPPIES)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1
SQUARE METERS UNDER CULTIVATION DESTROYED	17,000
TOTAL INDIVIDUAL PLANTS DESTROYED	40,800
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	4

B. CUMULATIVE ERADICATION STATISTICS:

POPPIES

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	4,733
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	13,232,339
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	350,338,652
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	3,270

MARIHUANA

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	1,601
SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	4,060,308
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	157,997,471
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	1,004

MIXED (POPPIES AND MARIHUANA)

PLANTATIONS DESTROYED	135
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SQUARE METERS OF SURFACE AREA DESTROYED	732,830
TOTAL PLANTS DESTROYED	31,666,873
TOTAL ACRES DESTROYED	182

C. INTERDICTION STATISTICS FOR WEEK

(NOTE: DURING THIS REPORTING PERIOD ONE EXTREMELY IMPORTANT CASE WAS MADE IN TIJUANA, BAJA CALIFORNIA, BASED ON INFORMATION SUPPLIED BY THE SAN DIEGO DISTRICT OFFICE.

FIFTEEN KILOS OF HEROIN, 1.8 KILOS OF COCAINE, AND 100,000 BARBITURATES WERE SEIZED AND NUMEROUS ARRESTS AND DETENTIONS WERE LATER EFFECTED IN THE STATE OF SINALOA. MANY OF THE SUBJECTS OF THE CASE WERE OWNERS, OPERATORS, OR ASSOCIATES OF AN AIR TAXI SERVICE, AEROLINEAS CHAVEZ, WHICH OPERATES IN THE TRI-STATE AREA OF CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO, AND SINALOA. AEROLINEAS CHAVEZ AS WELL AS OTHER AIR-TAXI SERVICES HAS BEEN SUSPECTED BY CLEARVIEW PERSONNEL AS BEING HEAVILY INVOLVED IN THE TRANSPORTING OF NARCOTICS FROM THE SINALOA AREA TO THE U.S. BORDER. AEROLINEAS CHAVEZ'S PARTICIPATION IN THIS CASE TENDS TO PROVE THESE SUSPICIONS. OTHER CASE-RELATED SEIZURES MADE IN CULIACAN, SINALOA, LOS MOCHIS, SINALOA, AND CHIHUAHUA, CHIHUAHUA, INCLUDE SEVEN AIRCRAFT, 5 VEHICLES, PLUS TWO TONS OF MARIHUANA.)

FOLLOWING ARE FIGURES FOR ARRESTS AND SEIZURES EFFECTED BY MFJP DURING THE PERIOD APRIL 18 THROUGH APRIL 24, 1975.
3 ARRESTS (DOES NOT INCLUDE ARRESTS MADE IN TIJUANA CASE)
1.3 KILOS OPIUM GUM.

D. CUMULATIVE INTERDICTION STATISTICS:

448 ARRESTS IN THE FOUR STATES OF SINALOA, CHIHUAHUA, DURANGO, AND SONORA, SINCE JANUARY 15 TO APRIL 24 FOR DRUG VIOLATIONS, GUN VIOLATIONS, CONTRABAND VIOLATIONS AND OTHER VIOLATIONS.
49 GROUND VEHICLES SEIZED
11 LIGHT AIRCRAFT SEIZED
62,248 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEIZED OR DESTROYED
97 RIFLES, SHOTGUNS, AND/OR HANDGUNS SEIZED
9 HEROIN LABORATORIES SEIZED
15 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN IN PROCESS DESTROYED
15.205 KILOGRAMS OF HEROIN SEIZED
3 LITERS OF OPIUM CONCENTRATE (MORPHINE BASE) DESTROYED
20 KILOGRAMS OF MARIHUANA SEEDS DESTROYED
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17.4 KILOGRAMS OF OPIUM GUM SEIZED
3.04 KILOGRAMS OF COCAINE SEIZED
28.12 KILOGRAMS OF POPPY SEEDS SEIZED OR DESTROYED
1 HAND GRENADE SEIZED
2,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION SEIZED

3. COMMENTS:

A) MANY MEXICAN OFFICIALS ARE BEING ASSIGNED NEW DUTY STATIONS THROUGHOUT THE CAMPAIGN AREA.

B) FOR COMMENTS ON THE SPARE HELICOPTER PARTS PROBLEM, SEE MEXICO 3566; CONCERNING THE NON-DELIVERY OF WEAPONS, SEE MEXICO 3434. AS THE CAMPAIGN IS NOW WINDING DOWN, IT IS UNLIKELY THAT THE WEAPONS WILL NOW BE SENT TO CULICAN. JOVA

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